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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. KISSINGER

FROM:

DIA review completed

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SUBJECT:

CIA/DIA Weekly Report on Communist
Cease-fire Violations

Army review completed

Attached at Tab A is the CIA/DIA's weekly report (from April 20-26, 1973) on Communist violations of the cease-fire agreements in Laos and Vietnam. The report notes that only a small trickle of new infiltrators -- all non-combat personnel -- were detected in the past week but that heavy logistics activity continues all along the Ho Chi Minh Trail and in northern South Vietnam.

-- As a result, a careful reappraisal of all intelligence infiltrations starting south since January 28 has been revised upward from 10,000 to 15,500, giving a new total of 40,000 North Vietnamese personnel who have been in the pipeline since the cease-fire. All but 3-4,500 are combat replacements. Another NVA anti-aircraft regiment has been detected in Khe Sanh; the unit almost certainly moved into South Vietnam after the cease-fire. From MR-4 we have received the first evidence of an interregional redeployment of a major Communist unit in southern South Vietnam (an NVA regiment may have been shifted from Binh Long in MR-3 to the Hong Ngu area of MR-4).

-- Heavy Communist logistics activity continues in southern North Vietnam, the Laos panhandle and northern South Vietnam. Detected vehicle traffic was unusually high in the Lao panhandle and truck activity moving south through entry corridors into Laos remained at last week's levels. (The report attributes declines in sensor detected activity to decreasing effectiveness of our sensor field in the panhandle.) Large amounts of munitions still are being shipped into Quang Tri Province.

-- The Communists are continuing to construct roads paralleling the Ho Chi Minh Trail systems but located wholly inside South Vietnam. A 52-mile segment of cleared road was observed extending south from central Pleiku to central Darlac Province in MR-2.

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-- Combat activity during the week generally was at a low level in both South Vietnam and Laos.

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